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S E C R E T TUNIS 7227

TOKYO AND VLADIVOSTOK FOR SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR PINS EG SF OGEN

SUBJECT: HIJACKED VC-10

REF: SECSTATE 259242; CAIRO 9489

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS CONVEYED TO US SAME INFORMATION  
CONTAINED REFTELS. FIVE TERRORISTS BEING BROUGHT FROM CAIRO  
ARE FROM ABU NIDAL GROUP, WITH KHARTOUM ASSASSINS REMAINING  
BEHIND. UPON ARRIVAL IN TUNIS, FIVE TERRORISTS, PLUS  
HIJACKERS, WILL BE FLOWN TO BAGHDAD ON SAME VC-QP WITH FRESH CREW.  
AIRCRAFT CARRYING CAIRO-HELD TERRORISTS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE  
TUNIS 1730 LOCAL. AGREEMENT EVIDENTLY STIMULATED BY  
BELKHODJA'S URGING THAT THE HIJACKERS COME UP WITH COMPROMISE  
PROPOSITION, FOLLOWING WHICH ABU IYAD WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO AIRCRAFT  
TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH HIJACKERS.

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2. MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS REQUESTED OUR GUIDANCE ON HOW BEST TO EFFECT SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE INSURING THAT ALL PASSENGERS ARE RELEASED. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY IDEAS ON THIS SCORE, NEED THEM URGENTLY.

3. HAVE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INDICATING THAT HIJACKERS ARE INSISTING THAT IRAQUI AND PERHAPS ALSO LIBYAN AMBASSADORS ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT TO BAGHDAD. EVIDENTLY WHILE ABU IYAD HELPED PRODUCE COMPROMISE, HIJACKERS HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCES IN HIM AND HAVE REJECTED PROPOSAL THAT HE ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. IRAQUI AND PERHAPS LIBYAN AMBASSADORS ARE BEING REQUESTED TO "GUARANTEE" THAT EXCHANGE OPERATES SMOOTHLY.

4. CRAIG INFORMS ME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI HAS ASKED DUTCH TO MAKE AVAILABLE "IF NEEDED" TWO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS IN DUTCH CUSTODY. CHATTI SEEMS TO THINK THAT THEY MAY BE NEEDED TO CLINCH DEAL, BUT NOT RPT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS IS MERELY HIS IDEA OR WHETHER HIJACKERS HAVE MADE THIS ADDITIONAL DEMAND.  
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